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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:

SITE AND PRESIDENCY

1. DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM EGYPTIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO NOMINATING IBRAHIM SHIHATA FOR PRESIDENCY OF IFAD WAS RECEIVED BY JAPANESE EMBASSY JANUARY 5 AND CANADIAN EMBASSY JANUARY 7. UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM, AND BELGIUM HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED SUCH A NOTE. NOTE WAS DATED DECEMBER 21 AND SENT BY ITALIAN MAIL (UNUSUAL PRACTICE POSSIBLY DESIGNED TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT NOTE PREDATES SAUDI ARABIAN NOMINATION OF SUDEARY), BUT REPORTEDLY WAS ACTUALLY SENT OUT ONLY EARLY THIS WEEK. NOTES DOES NOT CLAIM ANY CATEGORY II (OPEC) INVOLVEMENT IN NOMINATION.

2. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO INFORMED IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SUDEARY AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AZIZ SEPARATELY OF POSITION TAKEN BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON SITE AND PRESIDENCY
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ISSUES WITH OECD/DAC AND SELECTED OPEC COUNTRIES. AZIZ POINTED OUT DECISION-MAKING BY OPEC IS NOT AN EASY MATTER: IN HIS EXPERIENCE, OPEC GOVERNING BOARD IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR ISSUES NOW BEFORE US, AND OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE CONVENED.

3. SUDEARY IS UNSURE OF OBTAINING FORMAL OPEC ENDORSEMENT AS BLOC CANDIDATE, ALTHOUGH HE IS OPTIMISTIC OPEC WILL FAVOR HIM

AND NOT ENDORSE ANY OTHER CADIDATE. ON SITE QUESTION, HE REITERATES
VIEW HE EXPRESSED IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS DURING RECENT PREPARA-
TORY COMMISSION MEETING, THAT IT COULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT OPEC
CANDIDATE WOULD BE ELECTED FORST PRESIDENT AND SITE WOULD REMAIN
IN ROME AS TEMPORARY SITE UNTIL END OF TERM OF OFFICE OF FIRST
PRESIDENT, AT WHICH POINT SITE COULD MOVE TO TEHERAN AND POSSIBLY
CATEGORY I (OECD/DAC) PRESIDENT MIGHT BE CHOSEN. HE POINTS OUT,
HOWEVER, THAT BALANCING OF SITE AND PRESIDENCY PRESUMABLY WOULD
BE PRACTICABLE ONLY DURING EARLY STAGES OF IFAD, SINCE SOME
ROTATION OF PRESIDENCY MAY BE CALLED FOR, AND YET SITE OF ORGANIZATIO
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CANNOT IN LONG RANGE CONTINUE TO BE SHIFTED BACK AND FORTH.VOLPE

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